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Activities of Royalist Group

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A royalist group led by Prince Chumbhot has been increasingly active. of late. Recently one of the active members of this group, Mom Chao Sophon Phradai (son of Prince Swasti and brother of Queen Ramphai and Prince Suphasvasti), approached Mai Ramphan Pookajian, a former editor of the Siamese Daily Ekaraj, and asked him to edit a new royalist newspaper. Mai Ramphan declined the offer. Since then his house has been searched by the CID.

The royalists say they have arsenals in the homes of various members and state they are still collecting arms. They claim to know the locations of all major Free Thai arsenals in Bangkok and speak of these installations as prime targets in the event of an armed royalist uprisinge

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Note: While the fact that the royalists have collected arms and know the location of Free Thai arsenals is probably true, the possibility of this group staging an armed uprising is considered remote. The dissident Princes are prone to exaggerate their potential power and the extent of their activities.)

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